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15 November 1957

1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. There was some discussion as to whether CIA should brief the Johnson Committee which, as I understand it, has been appointed to look in- to U. S. preparedness. A Mr. Weisl, Counsel for the Committee, is com- ing to meet with the Director at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon to outline what the Committee would like to hear from CIA. I have alerted [REDACTED] and he is going to attend the briefing.

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b. We also discussed the Fiscal Year 1959 Budget at some length. No decision was reached as to whether or not we should accept any part of the Bureau of the Budget's recommended cut, but everyone around the table urged the Director not to do so unless he were specifically ordered by the President. It was agreed that no decision would be reached pending our fur- ther analysis of the effect of the cut recommended.

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c. Kirk reported that [REDACTED] had advised him that the Kil- lian Committee was very well pleased with our last semiannual report.

d. It was agreed that we should not nominate anyone this year for the President's Award for the Outstanding Federal Civilian Employee. The Di- rector requested that the proposed letter to Mr. Macy be rephrased to indi- cate that we were not nominating anyone because of the security implica- tions inherent in the present procedure. He agreed that we should go ahead and explore---as we were doing---methods by which we could make a pres- entation without jeopardizing security.

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2. Lunched with [REDACTED] to discuss his assignment to [REDACTED] as a Support Planner. He is very enthusiastic about the assignment and said that from his observa- tions to date he believed that the Support side of the house was at least on a par with the Operations people and that in some cases---specifically the Offices of Logistics and Communications---they might be more advanced and, in fact, were being held up at times because the Operations people were not able to furnish them with meaningful re- quirements. His objective, however, was to get my reaction to the possibility of having

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a third year in this position rather than just two. One way in which he thinks this might

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[REDACTED] I told him that I would have no objection to the latter and would be sympathetic in any case, but that I did not wish to be committed inasmuch as we still had a number of senior Support people who had not had overseas service. He wants to talk to me again in another month or so concerning his observations in the Support Planning business.

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